The Iowa Central Theatre Department presents...

Maybe Baby, It’s You

Directed by Teresa Jackson

October 13-15, 2011
7:00pm
Decker Auditorium

Produced by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company
This is such a unique show—wacky, quirky, genuine, silly, heartfelt—you name it, this show has it—and it all revolves around the search for love. What excited me most about the script was the chance to showcase the true range of talent we always have here in our Iowa Central student body. While the show can literally be staged with just one man and one woman portraying every role, the authors also offer the opportunity to expand the cast size. One of the features I also loved about the script was that the authors cemented the scenes together with interviews from people on the street about what they thought about love, marriage, dating and hopefully finding love. They encourage directors to be original and include a creative use of music, projections and original interviews with each production to make it more unique for each time and locale. That’s exactly what we are doing. I would thank all those who went on camera for us—while time did not allow us to include everyone in the “final cut”, I do hope you all enjoy the finished product this evening.

The production will have the feel of a wedding—complete with brides, grooms, a flower girl, receptions—even wedding cake. We will be inviting audience participation; we will be incorporating tons of music—both live and recorded to underscore the play’s action—as well as featuring some of the talented members of Iowa Central’s dance team to join my actors as we tell these love stories not only in word, but also in dance. This will be what I label a “feel good” show—one that leaves audiences smiling, laughing, talking, dancing, reminiscing—just happy to be alive and sharing these moments together. So, please—check your problems at the door and take a walk towards love with us tonight!

Teresa Jackson
Our Wedding Day

Maybe Baby, It’s You is a comedy by Charlie Shanian and Shari Simpson about the search for that most elusive relationship—the soul mate. The play is organized and told in a series of eleven vignettes that cover ground from the first kiss to the not-always-so-golden years of marriage. We take a zany ride through male-female relationships starting with searchers who share a laundry list of must-have qualities for a mate that swiftly dwindles down to “warm and breathing” as the only prerequisite. Each scene portrays a different set of circumstances, all relating to romantic love. For example, in one vignette, we visit a junior high classroom where star-crossed nerds make a connection; in another, we observe a variety of grooms and brides who exchange unusual wedding vows; in still another, we encounter a mild-mannered Midwesterner whose blind date turns out to a Greek goddess bent on vengeance against all men. Three vignettes revolve around one gorgeous, charming brain surgeon who is always “Mr. Wrong” due to his penchant for spastic, arrhythmic club dancing, and perhaps one of the most touching scenes showcases an elderly divorced couple who entertain the possibility of reconciliation at their grandson’s soccer game.

Our Wedding Party

Samantha Comer ........................................ Freshman from Jefferson, Iowa majoring in Human Services
Kayla Dye .................................................. Freshman from Knoxville, Iowa majoring in Dental Hygiene
Emily Eastwood ........................................ Sophomore from Fort Dodge, Iowa
Trevor Erdman ........................................... Freshman from Belmond, Iowa
Maria Francois ........................................... Freshman from Barnum, Iowa majoring in Theater
Courtney Gordon ........................................ Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Vet Med/Zoology
Macy Hood .................................................. Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Human Services
Olivia Jondle ................................................ Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Visual Art
Kayla Kilgore .............................................. Sophomore from Providence, Rhode Island majoring in Broadcast Journalism
Cassie Mae Langstaff .................................. Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Pre-Law
Michael Lewis ............................................ Sophomore from Manson, Iowa majoring in Broadcasting
Mya McClain .............................................. 2nd Grader from Fort Dodge, Iowa who would like to become a Vet
Teresa McCoughlin ..................................... Sophomore from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Nursing
David Miller ............................................... Sophomore from Toledo, Iowa majoring in Music
Kaluba Namoonde ...................................... Sophomore from Rogers, Minnesota majoring in Business
Travis Ness .................................................. Sophomore from Gowrie, Iowa majoring in Theater
Taryn O’Tool .................................................. Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Nursing
Deondrae Overstreet .................................... Sophomore from Davenport, Iowa majoring in Theater
Marissa Parks ............................................. Freshman from Linden, Michigan majoring in Music
Tori Peck .................................................... Freshman from Storm Lake, Iowa majoring in Business
Rebecca Perryman ....................................... Freshman from Pleasantville, Iowa
Chloe Peterson ............................................ Sophomore from Knierim, Iowa majoring in Music
Chris Pilling .............................................. Sophomore from Badger, Iowa
Angela Sande ............................................. Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Visual Art
Kelli Schnurr ............................................. Sophomore from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Music Education
Sarah Schumack ........................................ Sophomore from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Music
Gabrielle Sherman ...................................... Sophomore from Clarion, Iowa majoring in Secondary Education
Jacie Simon ............................................... Sophomore from Rockwell City, Iowa majoring in Music Education
CeDric Smith .............................................. Freshman from Lake View, Iowa majoring in Athletic Training
Weston Spedding ...................................... Freshman from Manson, Iowa
Andrew Steinkamp ..................................... Freshman from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Business
Tyler Thompson ........................................ Sophomore from Gilmore City, Iowa majoring in Musical Theater
Julian Tovar ................................................ Sophomore from Fort Dodge, Iowa majoring in Music
Josh Weber ............................................... Freshman from Alta, Iowa majoring in Criminal Justice
Marty Wessels ............................................ Freshman from Epworth, Iowa
Rick Wilson .............................................. Sophomore from Spirit Lake, Iowa majoring in Engineering
Erica Wipperling ....................................... Sophomore from Pocahontas, Iowa majoring in Visual Art
Nicholas Wood .......................................... Freshman from Cascade, Iowa
Order of Ceremony

Pre Show Slide Presentation of Wedding Photographs
Radio Interview with the “Wedding Planner”: Director, Teresa Jackson
Interlude DJ: “Michael Lewey”: Michael Lewis
Interlude Roving Romance Reporter “Shirley Tankle”: Robin Corsberg

Pre Show Wedding:
Kaluba Namoonde              Mya McClain              Maci Hood
Deondrae Overstreet         Emily Eastwood            Tori Peck
Rick Wilson                 Taryn O’Tool              Kayla Dye

Wish List

Vignette #1: Mid-Wedding Ceremony
This scene features men and women and their wish lists of must-have qualities in their mates...

Tyler Thompson              Chloe Peterson
David Miller                Olivia Jondle
Weston Spedding             Samantha Comer
CeDric Smith                Cassie Mae Langstaff

*INTERLUDE VIDEO* WITH PEOPLE ON THE STREET & XXOO DJ MICHAEL LEWEY
XXOO ROVING ROMANCE REPORTER

Rhythm Of My Heart

Vignette #2: Wedding Reception
This scene is at a wedding reception. An attractive, charming man asks a single woman to dance. He seems like the dream date—a children’s brain surgeon—until he starts to dance... so wildly and with complete abandon to a rhythm only he hears...and she makes her escape...

Ron: Travis Ness              Wedding Extras
Cindy: Rebecca Perryman

*INTERLUDE DJ / DANCE DUET* Brand New Key by Melanie
Maci Hood / Tori Peck

The Eliminator

Vignette #3: 7th Grade Science Classroom
This scene features a precocious 7th grade girl with huge glasses and what she considers a superior intelligence as she dissects not only her frog but also her boy classmates—a joker, a self-proclaimed macho man, a hyperactive bully, a sweet but special education boy, and finally, her love match—a bespectacled and intelligent nerd who can match her word for word.

Audrey: Marissa Parks
Ralphie: Josh Weber
Vinny: Andrew Steinkamp
Davey: Nick Wood
Tommy: Greg Blackshire
Lincoln: Marty Wessels
Mrs. Burkee: Kayla Kilgore

Classroom Extras: Erica Wipperling, Gabrielle Sherman, Trevor Erdman, Courtney Gordon, Angela Sande
**Dreamlovers**

Vignette #4: Thursday night at TGIF Restaurant

A desperate woman sits alone in a bar wearing a gigantic flower in her hair, waiting for the man of her dreams—a man she has met in her romantic imagination for years. When her beautifully exotic, Latin lover with long flowing hair does enter, they almost find the passionate love of their dreams until they literally dance...into disaster.

Elaine: Rebecca Perryman  
Diego: Kaluba Namoonde  
Bartender: Chris Pilling

**Blinding Date**

Vignette #5: Local Bar

This scene features a mild-mannered, nervous and awkward Midwesterner whose blind date turns out to be the fierce and raging Greek goddess, Medea, who is quite rabid about being banished from Greece and about having to endure another blind date...

Paul: Julian Tovar  
Medea: Maria Francois  
*Bartender: Chris Pilling*  
Restaurant Couples/People at the Bar:  
Josh Weber / Erica Wipperling  
Trevor Erdman / Kelli Schnurr  
Andrew Steinkamp / Angela Sande  
Nick Wood / Gabrielle Sherman  
Gregory Blackshire / Courtney Gordon

**My Heart Will Go On**

Vignette #6: Another Wedding Reception

This scene builds off of Vignette #2. Ron is now the Best Man at a wedding who is expected to dance with the Maid of Honor at the reception...she and several others all reject his advances, even as the DJ begs someone—anyone—to step onto the dance floor...

DJ: Michael Lewis  
Parents: Jacie Simon / Trevor Erdman  
Ellen: (Maid of Honor) Sarah Schumack  
Flower Girl: Mya McClain  
Bride and Groom: Kelli Schnurr / Greg Blackshire  
Roving Romance Reporter: Shirley Tankle  
*Full Cast + Audience*
INTERMISSION

*INTERLUDE VIDEO* WITH PEOPLE ON THE STREET FEATURING ROVING ROMANCE REPORTER

I Do, I Do
Vignette #7: Doll-Like Wedding Ceremony

This scene features brides and grooms—dressed traditionally except that they start out wearing rubber wigs, giving the appearance of walking dolls. As they take their vows, their grandiose and romantic promises gradually become increasingly bitter until they rip off their wigs in climactic anger...then the air shifts and their promises become more heart-felt and ultimately more realistic.

Tyler Thompson  Chloe Peterson
David Miller  Teresa McLoughlin
Weston Spedding  Cassie Mae Langstaff
CeDric Smith  Maria Francois

*INTERLUDE VIDEO* WITH PEOPLE ON THE STREET FEATURING DJ & ROVING ROMANCE REPORTER

Into The Fire
Vignette #8: Smoky, Dimly-lit Jazz Bar

This scene features an unusual 1940’s film noir couple who alternate between razor-sharp banter, sexual innuendo and passionate kisses to ominous fight sequences where they exchange the man’s trenchcoat with a dirty muscle t-shirt and the woman’s dame-like apparel with a plain housecoat and curlers. A fight bell rings several times to begin the battle rounds...until they both drop the act and talk with honesty and vulnerability.

Joe: Kaluba Namoonde
Lizette: Samantha Comer
Bartender: Chris Pilling
“Trainers” in each corner:
Andrew Steinkamp  Erica Wipperling
Gregory Blackshire  Kelli Schnurr
Trevor Erdman  Taryn O’Tool

*INTERLUDE LIVE Q & A* FEATURING ROVING ROMANCE REPORTER AND AUDIENCE

Anniversary
Vignette #9: Upscale Restaurant

This scene features a well-dressed and attractive couple in their thirties who are celebrating their anniversary with champagne in an upscale restaurant. Their conversation leads to doubts about whether or not their marriage is truly the definition of soul mates. While the man tries to avoid the deep discussion, the woman eventually begins to bravely sing a sincere and highly emotional love song to him—in front of everyone.

Michael: Julian Tovar
Anne: Sarah Schumack
Upscale Restaurant Extras:
Rebecca Perryman, Chris Pilling
Cassie Mae Langstaff, Andrew Steinkamp
Olivia Jondle, Nick Wood
Chloe Peterson, Greg Blackshire
Jacie Simon, Josh Weber
Once Upon A Time

Vignette #10: Sidelines of a soccer game

This scene introduces an elderly divorced couple who meet on the sidelines of a soccer game to cheer on their grandson. As they watch the game, they argue predictably about some things yet also find sweet moments of connection and remembrance... which ultimately leads to a lovely, heart-felt dance as the man sings and hums to one of “their” songs from the past.

Frank: Marty Wessels
Young Frank: Rick Wilson
Marie: Gabrielle Sherman
Young Marie: Taryn O’Tool

Heart To Heart

Vignette #11: Yet another Wedding Reception

This final scene returns to Ron standing alone on yet another dance floor, holding the garter and trying to be a good sport. This time, he sees Harriet, an attractive guest standing opposite him having just caught the bridal bouquet. The DJ announces yet another dance... but as Ron and Harriet almost leave the floor, the music draws both of them back... into a mutual duet of really good “bad” dancing—and ultimately their own Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers kind of moment.

Ron: Travis Ness
Harriet: Emily Eastwood
DJ: Michael Lewis
Extras: Full Cast

*INTERLUDE DJ & DANCE SOLOIST*: Through the Years by Kenny Rogers
Kayla Dye

*INTERLUDE VIDEO* WITH PEOPLE ON THE STREET FEATURING DJ & ROVING ROMANCE REPORTER

*CLOSING VIDEO* WITH PEOPLE ON THE STREET FEATURING DJ & ROVING ROMANCE REPORTER

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